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Re: Docket No. 2006-0387 – Application of Maui Electric Company, Limited ("MECO")
for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules.

Dear Ms. Awakuni:

The Stipulated Schedule of Proceedings, as amended by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") in Order No. 23496, filed on June 19, 2007 ("Schedule of Proceedings"), in the above-referenced docket requires: (1) the Division of Consumer Advocacy, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate")¹ to complete issuing its information requests ("IRs") to MECO and for MECO to file its IR responses by Friday, September 21, 2007; (2) the Consumer Advocate to file its Written Direct Testimonies, Exhibits and Workpapers by Wednesday, October 3, 2007; and (3) MECO to complete issuing its IRs to the Consumer Advocate and the Consumer Advocate to file its IR responses by Friday, October 26, 2007.

By letter dated and filed on August 20, 2007, the Consumer Advocate on behalf of the Parties requested Commission approval to modify the Schedule of Proceedings by extending the deadline for the procedural steps described above by several weeks. The Consumer Advocate states that MECO has outstanding responses to previously filed IRs and that MECO recently filed numerous updates and revisions to its pre-filed Direct Testimonies and resulting revenue requirements related to its rate increase application. According to the Consumer Advocate, it needs sufficient time to review:

¹The Consumer Advocate and MECO are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Parties."

- (1) all of the recently filed materials to determine whether the revisions and updates are reasonable and should be reflected as adjustments to MECO's revenue requirement; and
- (2) the outstanding IR responses to ascertain whether additional discovery is necessary.

Moreover, the Consumer Advocate asserts that progress in this proceeding is hampered by developing matters in Docket No. 2006-0386 (Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.'s ("HECO") rate case) since the Consumer Advocate has the same witnesses in the HECO rate case docket as it does in this proceeding. According to the Consumer Advocate, HECO recently filed numerous revisions and updates in its rate proceeding, presented the Consumer Advocate with a settlement proposal on August 15, 2007, and requested that the Consumer Advocate focus its attention on the settlement proposal to begin negotiations immediately in the HECO rate case. Due to the conflicting demands placed on the Consumer Advocate's witnesses in these proceedings, the Consumer Advocate and MECO discussed the need to modify the Schedule of Proceedings to allow for additional time to address pending matters. Upon discussion and consensus, the Parties request to modify the approved Schedule of Proceedings as follows:

Procedural Steps	From	To
Consumer Advocate Fifth Submission of IRs to MECO	Monday, August 20, 2007	Wednesday September 5, 2007
MECO Responses to the Consumer Advocate Fifth Submission of IRs	Thursday, August 30, 2007	Monday, September 17, 2007
Consumer Advocate Sixth Submission of IRs to MECO	Monday, September 10, 2007	Friday September 28, 2007
MECO Responses to the Consumer Advocate Sixth Submission of IRs	Friday, September 21, 2007	Friday, October 12, 2007
Consumer Advocate Written Direct Testimonies, Exhibits and Workpapers	Wednesday, October 3, 2007	Thursday, October 25, 2007
MECO IRs to the Consumer Advocate	Friday, October 5, 2007 through Wednesday, October 17, 2007	Friday, October 26, 2007 through Friday, November 2, 2007

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Consumer Advocate Responses to MECO IRs	Wednesday, October 17, 2007 through Friday, October 26, 2007	Wednesday, November 7, 2007 through Friday, November 16, 2007
From here on the procedural schedule remains the same as set forth in Order No. 23496.		
Settlement Proposal	Thursday, November 1, 2007	Thursday, November 1, 2007

The Commission will treat the August 20, 2007 letter as a motion for extension of time ("Motion"), pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") §§ 6-61-23 and 6-61-41.² Upon review of the Motion and consideration of all related matters, the Commission finds good cause to grant the Motion. Thus, the Commission hereby grants the Motion and approves the Parties' request to modify the Schedule of Proceedings, as set forth above. In all other respects, the approved Schedule of Proceedings, set forth in Order No. 23496, shall remain unchanged. Should you have any questions, please contact Ji Sook (Lisa) Kim at 586-2013.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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²Pursuant to: (1) HAR § 6-61-23(a)(1), the Commission for good cause shown may order a period enlarged if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed; and (2) HAR § 6-61-41(e), motions that do not involve the final determination of a proceeding may be determined by the chairperson or commissioner.